Permission to cut Malki Forest Trees

604. Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of applications for permission to cut and remove Malki Forests trees from the Malki Forest owners or contractors in the forest ranges in Khanapur Taluk received in the offices of the Range Forest Officers in Khanapur Taluk and Divisional Forest Officer, Belgaum since 1970 and of them, the number of applications disposed of and pending ;

(*b*) whether applications for permission to cut trees of re-growth are disposed of within a fortnight's time and permission is granted at least within a month's time ;

(*c*) whether the Government desire to issue orders giving time limit for the speedy disposal of applications for permission to cut trees;

(*d*) whether the Forest Guards, Round Foresters, Range Forest Officers and a Special Squad party of the Forest Department exercise check over the illicit cutting and removal of the trees belonging to Government ?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—

(*a*)	*No. of cases recieved since 1970*	*Disposed off*	*Pending Disposal*
(1) Divisional Forest Officers, Belgaum.	394	260	134
(2) Range Forest Officers, Khanapur Taluk.	712	304	408

(*b*) If the applicants furnish the full particulars with the requisite documents, etc., the permission can be granted within a fortnight's time. If the details are incomplete the permission will be delayed.

(*c*) It is not possible to issue orders fixing time limit for the disposal of such applications. However the Chief Conservator of Forests (Gl) Bangalore and the Revenue authorities have been requested to dispose such applications with the least possible delay.

(*d*) Yes

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—Is the Government aware that in spite of furnishing the full particulars with the requisite documents, etc., by the applicants, the Divisional Forest Officer, Belgaum has inordinately delayed the disposal of the applications and it is only after my representation to the Hon. Minister for Forest that he is thinking of disposing of the applications and does the Government still think that the figures showing under the heading 'pending disposal' in the answer are inconsiderable and trivial ?

†Sri K. H. PATIL.—I mediately on receipt of this information I have made enquiries with the officer concerned and he says that these matters are kept pending on account of the fact that the relevant records have not been produced by the concerned parties. However, I am taking due care to see that they are disposed of as quickly as possible.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—Is it not a fact that in answer to (*c*) Government have encouraged the officers of the Forest Department to follow their rigid procedure and their usual delaying tactics as a result of which they have caused inconvenience to the publie ?

Sri K. H. PATIL.—I am sorry if the hon. ember presumes so. I have disclosed the facts are they as but that does not mean that I am giving shelter to any officer. My intention is quite clear and that is that the officers are expected to dispose of all the cases without giving any lame excuses.

Representations on Behalf of "Ugranies" of North Kanara District

626. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government has received any representations on behalf of the "Ugranies" of North Kanara District, praying that they be treated as Class IV Government Servants ;

(*b*) if so, whether Government would grant their request ?

Sri N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—Supplementary to (*a*) : May I know what they have represented to the Government ?

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ನಮಗೆ ಖಾಯಂ ಸಂಬಳ ಬರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು, ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ನೌಕರರನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುದು ಅವರ ಮನವಿ.

Smt WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—What is the reason for not considering them ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಒಂದು ಕಾನೂನನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಮೈಸೂರು ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೂ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈಗ ಆ ನೌಕರರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಸುಮಾರು 40 ಸಾವಿರ ಇದೆ. ಈಗ ಆ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಸಂಬಳ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೊಂದು ತರಹ ಇದೆ. ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ 38 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಸಂಬಳ ಇದ್ದದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ 1970 ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಹುಕುಂ ಮಾಡಿ ಆ 38 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಸಂಬಳದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ 22 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ 60 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಸಂಬಳ ಬರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಹಳೆಯ ಮೈಸೂರು ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಳವೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ರೈತರು ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕಂಥಾ ಮಿರಾಸಿಯಿಂದ ಅವರು ಜೀವನ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನಾ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ